

BETHANY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term: 4 | Week 2 | Friday, 21st October, 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Bethany Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust that you were able to spend time with family and friends during the break and to replenish for the busy and celebratory time that lies ahead.

Last week a number of our students took part in the **Rosary Club** during lunch guided by our REC Catherine Baldacchino. Many children brought their own Rosary beads and others were issued beads from our school supply. October as we know is the month dedicated to **Mary** and hence why it is customary to pray the Rosary.

Personally the Rosary has often been a 'go to prayer' particularly at times when praying has proved difficult. Sunday's Mass readings remind us of the centrality that prayer plays in maintaining our relationship with God.

In essence, it is not that God needs our prayers, rather the other way round - we pine and need the grace and love that prayer provides us. The constancy of prayer serves to remind us that we are truly in relationship with God and that He will always welcome us back into His fold.



It is interesting that the Italian word for **"pray"** is **"prego"**. The original meaning of the verb **"pregare"** was to **"plead"** or **"beg"**.

However, the word **"prego"** is also used regularly in Italy to mean totally different things. For instance, after someone says, **"thank you"** it is polite to answer,

"prego!" - "you're welcome!"

"Prego" is also used to **let someone pass**, as in **"go ahead"** or **"please come in"**.

"Prego" can also mean **"you are welcome to help yourself"** or **"please take a seat"** or **"How can I help you?"** in other situations.

In looking at the different usages of the word **"prego"** we gain a deeper insight into the broader meaning of the word **"prayer"** and perhaps what God intends it to be about.

Go gently this week,

Sergio Rosato

Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone to the final term of 2022. For some families this is the last term of their child's first year at school and for others it is their final term at Bethany as they prepare for high school.

Term 4 is always a busy term filled with many exciting celebrations and events. As Advent and Christmas fast approach we all get busier and time quickly passes by. Amongst the ensuing chaos it is important to try to find the time to reflect on the year that has been and enjoy the final weeks of the 2022 school year.

For teachers, Term 4 is a time to ensure your children are set up for success and ready for the 2023 transition to new classes with increased expectations. Later this term, students will get to meet their new teachers for 2023 and share some activities together to assist with transition. Semester 2 reports will be shared with parents in Week 9 providing specific information regarding your child's learning, effort and achievements. The reports will also identify next steps in your child's learning journey.

SAFETY ONLINE

Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.

It is a good idea to protect younger children from online risks such as encountering harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity. But it is up to you to decide when and how they take these first steps, and how best to support them as they begin their online journey.

When are they ready for social media accounts?

Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can affect their ability to have positive experiences on social media. Each social media site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements. Most require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register.

If your child is using social media, it is a good idea to discuss the following with them:

- how to deal with negative online experiences
- the importance of protecting their personal information
- privacy settings for social media
- what is safe and unsafe to share online

Go gently,

Rebecca Lloyd

Assistant Principal

Mrs Lloyd

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



What's Happening in Religious Education in Term 4?

Rosary Club: This initiative takes place each Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime. Students are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary in front of the statue of Mary outside the St Padre Pio Church. During this prayer time, the students are experiencing communal prayer as well as learning how to use Rosary Beads. We have had a wonderful uptake of this prayer opportunity.



If your child would like to participate in this prayer experience but does not have their own set of Rosary beads, they can borrow a set from school.

World Mission Week

Next week is World Mission Week. Bethany will acknowledge this event through a series of fundraising activities. Please refer to the Skoolbag alert that was sent on Tuesday to select the activities that your child/ren will participate in. As we are a cashless school, donations for this event need to be made through QKR.

CRAZY SOCK DAY - CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY



When: Wednesday 26th October

What: students wear their regular school uniform but are invited to wear their favourite coloured socks or crazy socks.

Students must wear their regular school shoes on this day.



Why: This is in support of the Catholic Mission Socktober initiative raising funds for Ethiopia.

Weekend Parish Mass

This Sunday 23rd October is Mission Sunday. Please attend the 10:00am Sunday Mass to begin our celebration of Mission Week.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday 6th November - Children's Mass 10:00 am at St Padre Pio

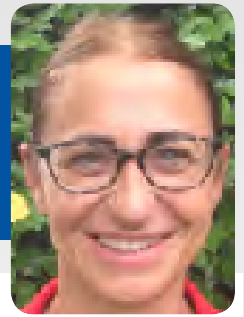
Sunday 4th December - Children's Mass 10:00 am at St Padre Pio

Friday 2nd December - End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

Monday 5th December - Christmas Concert

Mrs Baldacchino

SPORT



ATHLETICS NEWS

In week 10 of Term 3, I was lucky enough to watch the showcase of talents at the Mackillop Athletics Championships at Homebush. Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful achievements at this high level.

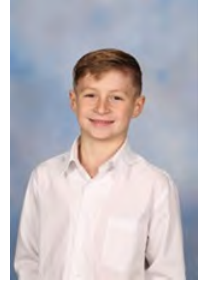


All athletes on the track made it to a final!

Mason Mercia - 8 year old 100m - 5th place in the final.

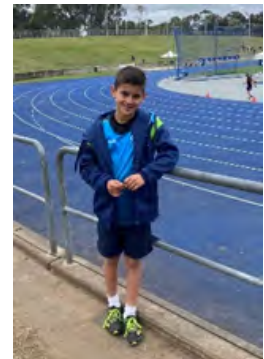
Brooklyn Tamou - 9 year old 100m - 4th place in the final.

Xander Pringle, Brody Willmott, Brooklyn Tamou and Mateo Tangata-Toa - 4 x 100m Relay team - 5th place in the final.



Field events:

Mathayus Andreatta - High Jump - 14th place and Discus - 10th place.



BASKETBALL NEWS

On Monday, we had 6 teams from Stage 2 and Stage 3 representing Bethany at a Basketball Gala Day.

Mrs Gibson and I were so impressed with the behaviour, sportsmanship and skill displayed by all students on the day.

Congratulations to each team for their awesome results:

Year 3 & 4 Boys - 2nd Place

Year 3 & 4 Girls - 5th Place

Year 5 Boys - 4th Place

Year 5 Girls - 2nd Place

Year 6 Boys - 4th Place



Year 3 & 4 Boys Basketball team



Year 5 Girls Basketball team



Year 5 Boys Basketball team

SPORT CONT'D



Year 3 & 4 Girls Basketball team



Year 6 Girls Basketball team



Year 6 Boys Basketball team

A special mention goes to the Year 6 girls team who walked away with an equal 1st place!

Thank you to all our scorers on the day.

A huge thank you to our team managers/coaches:

James Baker (sibling and student from St Dominics) - Yr 5 Girls' team

Mrs Tabone and Mrs Balita - Yr 6 Boys' team

Mr Grady - Stage 2 Girls' team

Mrs McAlister - Yr 5 Boys' team

Lilly DeBonos' grandparents and Addison Culgan's brother - Yr 6 Girls team.

We couldn't have so many teams without the help of all of you.



Year 6 Girls Basketball team

GYMNASTICS FUN

K - 6 have been participating in a gymnastics program run by qualified coaches from School Gymnastics. This program will run from weeks 1-8 during their rotation time.

Here is a snapshot of the fun they are having.



K - Yr 1 Sport Activity Fun

Students will be participating in some sport activities organised by Mrs Neilly on Friday 28th October from 11am - 1pm. Parents are welcome. This event will be held on the school grounds

Mrs Neilly

BASKETBALL TEAMS 2022

Stage 2 GIRLS	Year 5 GIRLS	Year 6 Girls
Addison Stevenson	Jaleah Harris	Sophie Barnes
Holly Cleary	Aafreen Mavi	Mia Ferris
Achik Dau	Amelie Carroll	Eden Allendice
Aluel Tor	Georgia Gately	Honor D'Sena
Sienna Dinara	Alana Tagudin	Addison Finnimore
Sienna Grady	Sophie Rudel	Angel Joseph
Audrey McDonagh	Chelsea Soper	Lilly De Bono
Mylee Watene- Zelezniak	Charlotte Lawford	Ana Stojanovic
Charlotte Okulicz	Sarah Baker	Addison Culgan
Isabella Fabiano	Sierra Ryan	Scarlett Avila
Stage 2 BOYS	Year 5 BOYS	Year 6 BOYS
Beau Wright	Zane Attard	Cohen Wade
Lachlan Eadie	Brody Willmott	Riley Parker
Nate Culbert	Liam McAlister	Levi Jones
Zane Duncan	Roarke McEwan	Dante Williams
Jett Ward	Harrison Smith	Callum Dagger
Lincoln Primmer	Brayden Fretton-Lee	Zach Debrincat
Brooklyn Tamou	Jake Collins	Julian Tabone
Daniel Radcliffe	Eddie Spiteri	Jaxon Thompson
Levi Wade	Alex Sekulovski	Talen Russo
Elijah Balita	Lachlan Cook	Tristan Balita

DATES FOR THE DIARY



8th November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 1 - 9:00am -10:20am
14th November	Effort in Learning Awards - Infants - 9:00am Primary - 9:45am
15th November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 2 - 9:00am -10:20am
18th November	Staff Spirituality Day
22nd November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 3 - 9:00am -10:20am
29th November	Kindergarten Transition - Session 4 - 9:00am -10:20am
5th December	Christmas Concert - 12:00pm
9th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass - Padre Pio Parish - 10:30am
9th December	Graduation Ceremony - Hall - 12:00pm
12th December	Major Awards Assembly - Infants - 11:00am Primary - 12:00pm
14th December	Year 6 Social - 5:00pm - 8:00pm
15th December	Year 6 Fun Day & Year 6 Guard of Honor
15th December	Last Day Term 4

COMMUNICATION



The following information has been advised via the SkoolBag App:

19/10/2022	Annie Production - Tix \$30 this Friday night
18/10/2022	Mission Week Fundraising Activities
18/10/2022	The Story of Hansel and Gretal musical production
18/10/2022	Top nutrition = marks
17/10/2022	Notification of Parvovirus B19 (slap Cheek)
17/10/2022	WANTED: Old and Odd Socks!
17/10/2022	Sports Activity Fun Session - Kindergarten and Year 1
14/10/2022	Kindergarten - return from excursion
14/10/2022	Transport for NSW - School travel in 2023
14/10/2022	Clothing Pool Open
13/10/2022	Message From the Library
13/10/2022	Trivia Night
13/10/2022	Notification Parvovirus B19 (Slap Cheek)
12/10/2022	Student Toilet Upgrade in Progress
11/10/2022	New Governance Framework Letter to Parents
10/10/2022	Rosary Club
10/10/2022	Sport Uniform Days - Term 4
10/10/2022	20% Off Lowes Schoolwear - 13 and 14 October
10/10/2022	Year 2 Gymnastics - Extra Sport Uniform Days - Term 4 - Year 2

ATTENDANCE

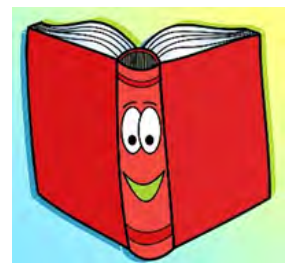


LIBRARY

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogue Issue 7 was sent home last week. The closing date for LOOP orders is today Friday 21st October.

There will be one more Book Club catalogue this year.



2023 ENROLMENTS



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2023

Limited places available for Years 1 to 6.

Please contact the School Office on 4723 3700 for enrolment packs or visit our website www.bethanyglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au for further information .

MESSAGE FROM BUSWAYS

Do the right thing students – tap on and tap off, every time you travel by bus

Opal card data gathered by tapping on and tapping off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off every time, then bus services will appear underutilised. Without accurate data, the need for additional services to match demand will most likely be overlooked.

It is a requirement of bus travel that your child has a [valid Student Opal card](#) and that they tap on and off each time they use the school bus or route bus service. This is outlined in the [TfNSW Code of Conduct](#) as follows:

"It is a condition of the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and tap offs to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure."

It's been noted that students from our school using the bus service have not been tapping on or off. In Term 4, there will be a strong focus on getting students back into good habits of tapping on and tapping off with their student Opal card.

We're requesting your help to restore the tap on and tap off numbers to match the school bus travelling numbers to benefit the students, parents, school, and bus operator.

Thank you in advance.



OTHER MATTERS

Nutrition Snippet

HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our [short video](#).

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Location: Parramatta, NSW

Join other local families to learn more
about autism and ways to strengthen the
partnership between home and school

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



1st & 2nd November 2022
9.30am - 2.30pm



Rydges Parramatta
116-118 James Ruse Dr
Rosehill NSW 2142



SCAN TO REGISTER



Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit
www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact
Trish Nicoll tnicoll@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971

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Niamh Carroll (3W) is performing in *Annie* this Friday and Saturday night. Tickets for this Friday night (Friday 21st October) are \$30 when using code word **EASY** and booking online.

<https://thejoan.com.au/events/annie>

Mr Medlen (4W) and Elidie Gal (4W) are performing in *The Story of Hansel and Gretel* on Saturday 22nd and Saturday 29th October.

www.trybooking.com



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GLENMORE PARK JRLFC

girls and women coaching clinic from under 6's / open ladies

DATE : 22ND OCTOBER 2022

TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION: GLENMORE PARK

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meet and learn from

some NRLW players

players, coaches and sponsors.

register your interest for our girls / ladies teams
for 2023

